

MINUTES OF THE WEEKLY SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Charlemont

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The meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M. by Acting Chair Winston Healy. Also attending the meeting was Paul Fantucchio. It was announced that the meeting was being tape recorded.

1. The warrants were signed.
2. A letter resigning from the COA was received from Merri Gould. The Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation. The Executive Secretary will draft a letter thanking Mrs. Gould for her service.
3. The Town of Ashfield sent a request to allow 6 of their Franklin County Tech School students to ride the Charlemont Tech bus. The students will board the bus at the Park & Ride. Ashfield also asked what the Town will charge for the students to ride. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted to invite the Ashfield students to ride the Charlemont bus. The Board also voted to charge Ashfield \$62.16 per day, with any cost adjustments necessary due to a reduction or increase in students to be made no earlier than January.
4. The Selectmen, acting upon a request from the Planning Board, unanimously voted to change the date of the All Board Meeting to Monday, October 5th.
5. Marguerite Willis and Julia White, Charlemont School Committee members, attended the meeting to recommend Eric Dean to a vacant Charlemont School Committee position. It was unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Dean to the position, the vote went as follows: Mr. Healy – yes, Mr. Fantucchio – yes, Ms. White – yes, Ms Willis – yes.
6. Marguerite Willis submitted two written resignations, one from the Charlemont School Committee and one from the Mohawk School Committee. Ms Willis highly recommended Julia White as her replacement on the Mohawk School Committee. After telephone conversation with Julia Aron, Mohawk School Committee member, who recommended Ms White to the position, the Board unanimously voted Ms White to the position.
7. Mr. Healy reported that after the recent reduction of school funding from the State, the Mohawk School Committee has managed to arrange the school budget so no Town within the District will have an increase in assessment.
8. The Board reviewed a letter from the Charlemont Postmaster requesting information concerning the closure of Tinney Road. The Board unanimously voted that the Tinney Road closure is permanent. A letter informing the Postmaster of the status of Tinney Road will be drafted.
9. The Board signed a letter that states the Town turns ownership of a stray dog captured on August 2nd over to a resident of Shelburne.
10. The Board reviewed an e-mail from the Town of Ashfield that invites employees of Charlemont to attend a sexual harassment training session. The Board thanked Ashfield for the invitation but declined at this time.

11. Mr. Healy stated that he might attend the regionalization conference scheduled for September 3rd.
12. The Board received an e-mail stating the Town has two EMT's taking the State exam on Saturday. The e-mail requested the Board to reimburse the EMT's for the out of pocket cost for the exam. The Board discussed the fact that specific funds have not been set aside to such costs unless the funds are requested at a STM. The Board stated they are in full support of the reimbursement. The Ambulance Director will be contacted to see if he is able to take the cost out of training funds or if the Ambulance Association will help. The Board stated that they will allow the training account to go over budget by the reimbursement amount.
13. The Board received a letter from Eric Dean stating that any work to the Town Hall roof requires a certified asbestos contractor. Mr. Fantucchio will contact DEP and Mr. Dean for a list of certified contractors.
14. The Board received an e-mail with three recommendations that could help make the Deerfield River safer for rafters and tubers. The Board reviewed the recommendations and unanimously voted to defer action until a later date. The e-mail will be forwarded to the Deerfield River Impact Committee.
15. The Board unanimously voted not to participate in the 2010 Census New Construction program.
16. The Board received a recommendation from the Board of Assessors concerning the Hawley/Charlemont Town line. The Board unanimously voted to place a warrant article, as submitted by the Assessors, on the next Special Town Meeting.
17. The Board received an invitation to hold an informal meeting with Bob Dean, FRCOG, to discuss concerns of the Town. The Board unanimously voted to meet with Mr. Dean in the future, but not before September 15th. Scheduling of the meeting will be placed under Action on the agenda for September 1st.
18. The Clean Energy Choice grant was deferred to the meeting on September 1st.
19. The Executive Secretary will respond to the Non-Sheltered Outdoor Location questionnaire sent by the U.S. Census Bureau.
20. The IT Consultant contracts sent by the FRCOG will be filed for future use.
21. The Board unanimously voted to share with other Towns reasonable costs to have Kopelman & Paige review the Siemens contract. The Executive Secretary will contact the FRCOG with the Board vote.
22. Frank Mooney, owner of Crabapple Whitewater, attended the meeting to discuss an incident that occurred between his company and tubers the Saturday past. Also discussed were Mr. Mooney's concerns for proper police coverage on summer weekends and the Town creating a business by renting tubes for a charge.
23. Mr. Fantucchio reported that Gagne Pumps has completed his examination of the McCloud well and will be writing a report of his findings. The Executive Secretary will schedule a meeting with Mr. Gagne, Mr. Fantucchio and DEP to discuss the report.

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24. It was unanimously voted that Mr. Healy will draft the Town's audit responses and send them to the other Board members for their approval. The responses will be sent to the auditor on Friday, August 21st.
25. At 8:40 P.M. the Board voted to adjourn the regular meeting and to enter into Executive Session to sign Executive Session minutes to discuss litigation. The regular meeting will not be re-convened after the Executive Session. The vote went as follows: Mr. Fantucchio – yes, Mr. Healy – yes.

Respectfully submitted

Approved by:
Charlemont Board of Selectmen

Kathy A. Reynolds
Executive Secretary

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